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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

1. JORDANIAN AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL DETAINEES OCCUPIES HEAD-
LINES AND PRINCIPAL ARTICLE IN AHAM SEPTEMBER 19. IMPRESSION
ARTICLE GIVES IS FAVORABLE TO JORDAN. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
RELATED TO EGYPTIAN/JORDANIAN RELATIONS, SEPTEMBER 19 CAIRO
PRESS REPORTS FATHI QANDIL HAS BEEN APPOINTED EGYPTIAN
AMBASSADOR TO AMMAN; QANDIL PREVIOUSLY HELD POSITION OF
AMBASSADOR TO CAMEROON.

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2. POSTPONEMENT OF ASU NATIONAL CONGRESS UNTIL AFTER

BAIRAM (AT END OF OCTOBER) IS ANNOUNCED BY SEPTEMBER 19 PRESS. NATIONAL CONGRESS WAS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING FULL NATIONWIDE DEBATE ON INTERNATIONAL CHANGES AND THEIR IMPACT ON NATIONAL ACTION; BUT, PRESS NOTES, ASU SEC GEN HAS FOUND THAT DIALOGUE NEEDS FURTHER TIME.

3. EGYPT/LIBYA. SEPTEMBER 19 PRESS REPORTS THAT MARWAN DEPARTED FOR TRIPOLI SEPTEMBER 18 ON "URGENT" VISIT CARRYING MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO QADHAAFI. NO OTHER DETAILS. PRESS ALSO NOTES THAT CONTACTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY REGARDING MEETING OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, EXPECTED TO BE HELD EARLY IN OCTOBER. (COMMENT: THIS CONSTITUTES ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT.) LATEST WORD IN AHAM IS THAT TWO RESIDENT MINISTERS ARE TO ASSUME DUTIES OCTOBER 1. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, SEPTEMBER 18-19 PRESS NOTES DEPARTURE FOR TRIPOLI SEPTEMBER 18 OF SALAH HEDAYET, CHAIRMAN OF CAR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL, AND EGYPTIAN POWER MINISTER AHMED SULTAN, TO DISCUSS POWER PROJECTS WITH LIBYA. REPORTEDLY THESE ARE TO INCLUDE JOINT NUCLEAR DESALINIZATION PLANT.

4. EGYPTAIR BOEINGS. SEPTEMBER 19 AHAM STATES THAT SPECIAL AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING PURCHASE OF EIGHTH BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT, TO BE DELIVERED IN JULY OF 1974, HAS BEEN SIGNED. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR A NINTH BOEING TO BE DELIVERED THREE MONTHS LATER HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY BEEN REACHED.

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